

a response was initially due, without extension of time, May 4, 2002.

Applicants note that submitted herewith is a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one month extension of time and a check which includes the required fee. With the granting of this Petition, the time period in which to submit a timely response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2002 will be extended to June 4, 2002.

In the Office Action mailed April 4, 2002, the Examiner acknowledged Applicants' provisional election (with traverse) of the invention of Group I, claims 1 to 7. In this Office Action, the Examiner has required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

In response to the Examiner's requirement for election of species, Applicants provisionally elect Compound 4 of Figure 1A, 4(S) - ({[(S) - (diaminomethyl-amino) - 1-formyl-butylcarbamoyl] - methyl} - carbamoyl) - 4 - [3 - (3-diaminomethyl-phenyl) - propoxycarbonylamino] - butyric acid. This election is made with traverse. Applicants request that the scope of examination be increased to include the genus upon finding of an allowable species.

Applicants note that Claims 1 to 5 and 7 are readable on their elected species.

Applicants further note that their provisional election of the invention of Group I in their response mailed November 30, 2001 was made with traverse. Applicants reiterate their traverse as set forth in their November 30, 2001 response. Applicants request that the Examiner consider the restriction requirement and that Group II be combined with Group I for

prosecution. Applicants note that the claims of Group II (claims 8 to 12) are generic.

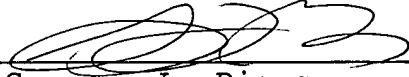
If a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned Applicants' attorney.

If the fee submitted is incorrect or if any other fee is due in connection with this response, Applicants request that Deposit Account No. 03-3975 be charged for or credited with the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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